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ELECTED OFFICIALS MEET TO DISCUSS GARBAGE OPTIONS

Elected officials from throughout Metro Vancouver will meet this Saturday to explore potential technological solutions to the region's waste management challenges.

"We are at a crossroads in terms of our approach to managing solid waste, and have the opportunity to seek out the best forward looking strategies", said Metro Vancouver Chair Lois Jackson. "Reducing the amount of garbage we produce in the first place is our starting point, but we want to ensure that we also consider as broad a range of solid waste technology options as possible."

To that end, Mayors and Councillors from Metro Vancouver's member municipalities, along with invited provincial and federal representatives, will meet at a Council of Councils to discuss potential technologies and how they might apply here. Informing the discussion will be three high profile panellists.

Panellists:

Dr. Egan Archer, Director, Juniper Consultancy Services Limited (United Kingdom), on *Mechanical/Biological Treatment (MBT) Technologies*
Konrad Fichtner, P. Eng., Senior Environmental Consultant, Gartner Lee Limited (BC), on *Traditional Technologies*
Dr. Shapoor Hamid, Senior Scientist/Geochemist, URS, on *Conversion Technologies (gasification)*

The Council of Councils meeting takes place:

9:00 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 19, 2008
Executive Airport Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre
7311 Westminster Highway, Richmond

Media are invited to join participants for breakfast, beginning at 8:00 a.m., and to attend the Council of Councils session afterwards.

Metro Vancouver is currently developing a new Solid Waste Management Plan for the region and has identified potential solutions for diversion and disposal, including large-scale composting and waste to energy processes, which reflect its preferred approach.

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